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Letters to the Editor

"CCA - I Want To Thank You"

Come on, Terry, be real! Most persons who know me well wouldn't expect me to go out of my way to express simple thoughts to a sophisticated body of persons. Face it, I'm only one person with a rural mentality, coming from a province that has only 33 member camps of the Manitoba Camping Association. What in the world do I have to say?

Well, I feel important though I have a simplistic background and what I thought was a lack of experience compared to all the so-called 'big camp directors'.

The Manitoba Camping Association is alive and well because of the many persons across Canada who care. The Canadian Camping Association is an important national vehicle through which the most important element of my professional development was fostered, nourished, developed and where I get *that added touch* of encouragement to do my part as a camping person in my own camp setting, within my own Manitoba Camping Association. Hopefully, in turn I will someday do something small (or big) for another promotion of quality camping experiences in anywhere, Canada, or for that matter, anywhere where persons are serious about the camping movement.

Although I speak personally, I feel that many persons across Canada would agree with me that the national body, CCA, has done many very important leadership development events that have directly benefited provincial camping associations. It's too easy to measure success based only upon the results of direct recipients of an activity. Allow me to explain with an example.

Even though it seems just like yesterday, it was in 1978 that I attended a national CCA leadership development event at Geneva Park. Three extremely important things happened to me:

A. I experienced an honest attempt by so many good people to take seriously our responsibility as leaders in our profession and all we do in every facet of camp directing is influencing the future of many lives.

B. I was encouraged to return to Manitoba to provide leadership at the grass roots level for an association that was experiencing a dip in its purpose and goals at that point. We were not quite sure who we were and where we were going.

C. Thirdly, the 'biggies' whom I thought were unreachable and unapproachable became my friends. They accepted me as one with them and I felt like a somebody. John Latimer, Jack Pearce, Ron Johnstone, Jay Haddad just to name a few, came across as co-professionals, not the experts with all the answers.

I personally feel that the Manitoba Camping Association is healthy today because CCA sees that its mandate is "to develop and promote training programs and conferences on a national level for camp leaders..." that in turn benefit individual camps and provincial associations. Because of my Geneva Park experience, I was challenged to contribute "that added touch" that's so necessary to my provincial association. I'm not the only person from Manitoba that has benefited from a National event.

Thank you CCA for providing the programs and projects that make possible greater leadership development opportunities that directly benefit us here in Manitoba. I hope we recognize the benefits that we as members get for our membership fees to the provincial association. Likewise, I would hope that private donors, commercial members and Fitness and Amateur Sport will continue to feel that their contributions to the national body (Canadian Camping Association) are very definitely being felt on the local level of provincial associations. For clarification when I thank CCA, I'm thinking of you... CCA is not an 'up there' association where decisions are made by a few that sit in the Toronto office. CCA is you and me as members through our local association. Whether we're big or small, from the east or the west; directors, administrators, counselors, board members... we are the ones who make up

CCA. We need each other and the Association needs all of us.

by: Terry Burkhalter,
MCA President

A Qui de droit,

Félicitations pour l'audacieux éditorial:
"L'esprit de compétition dans les camps perturbe nos valeurs".

La question se pose cependant, et les implications sont à longue échéance... cherchons-nous à protéger le jeune *contre* la Société actuelle ou n'est-il pas de notre devoir de fournir à l'adulte de demain les occasions d'exercer ses qualités de leader.

Je crois que les principes directeurs énoncés avant la conclusion de votre éditorial reflètent un aspect, et un aspect bien limité de la formation du jeune.

Il faut l'aider à devenir responsable et indépendant.

Amitiés sincères
Raymond Doucet

Dear Canadian Camping,

I want to congratulate you on the excellence of your magazine. It is varied, thoughtful, comprehensive, well planned and well written. Congratulations!

Please list the names of the Editor and the Editorial Board beneath the Editorial Policy so we may know whom to thank.

Ann R. Prewitt,
former Editor,
Canadian Camping.

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EDITORIAL

The Voice of Camping: Inaudible!

It is with great dismay that we continually learn from the news media about frequent weekend drownings, boating accidents, school outings ending in tragedy as safety rules aren't heeded, littering and a reckless disregard for environment or people by weekend "campers".

It is with greater dismay that our Provincial Camping Associations and, indeed, the Canadian Camping Association refuse to speak out publicly on issues that concern: our environment, our image, children's rights, the rights of our elderly, boating construction and safety, swimming and waterfront safety, children's health, food safety and regulations, young peoples' growth and development.

Camping's silence is in itself a message, indicating either that we don't care or that we have nothing to say or that we have no opinion or standards to share. And as history clearly has shown: silence gives consent! Is our silence thereby implicitly affirming the assault of business and industry on our environment or the assault of weekend "nature-lovers" who chase loons with motor boats and flagrantly toss empty beer bottles into our lakes?

How long will our silence keep us guilty by association as camps are branded and tarnished as "the lake where the four boys drowned" or "the lake with the broken glass and littered campsites" or "the lake where the R.C.M.P. made the drug arrests"?

Two consequences of silence naturally follow: 1) no one knows we exist, and even if it is known, 2) no one thinks we have an opinion that is noteworthy or newsworthy. On both points we are selling ourselves short as well as being irresponsible to our consuming public who deserve to know where we stand on issues and what proposals or solutions we might offer.

Much of what is said among camping people within the camping community IS SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT; and we do share our feelings and opinions but ONLY AMONGST OURSELVES! Our communication horizons are myopic; we must learn to speak out in our communities, in our local churches, in our newspapers, on radio and television. The President of the Canadian Camping Association, as are the Provincial Presidents, is mandated to speak on our behalf; we need to hear those opinions, we need to hear actions deplored, information and statistics shared. Letters-to-the-Editor in the Globe and Mail is a column which serves our entire country; our positions, our standards, our recommendations should be advanced.

When we learn to speak out, the public will not only know who we are but they will know who we are not. And what we stand for! Eventually, when an accident occurs, or a crisis, or a controversial issue, the news media will clamor to the offices of our Presidents across the country to get our professional and informed opinion. In the meantime, the responsibility is upon our shoulders to peck away with a letter here, a phone call there, a hotline show, a letter-to-the-editor, a radio interview, press release after press release until we have raised our collective voices to a level of: AUDIBLE!

Notre mutisme – un silence qui n'est pas d'or

Nous sommes toujours stupéfiés d'apprendre à la radio et dans les journaux le nombre fréquent de noyades les fins de semaine, les accidents de bateau, les tragédies mettant fin à des excursions d'étudiants malavisés, l'accumulation de déchets laissés partout par des campeurs peu soucieux de l'environnement et du bien des autres.

Nous sommes d'autant plus déçus de voir que nos associations provinciales de camping et, en fait, l'Association des camps du Canada, refusent de se prononcer publiquement sur des questions aussi urgentes que celles de l'environnement, de notre image, des droits de nos enfants et vieillards, des mesures de sécurité dans la construction d'embarcations, des règles de sécurité nautique, de la santé des enfants, des règles et de l'hygiène de l'alimentation ou encore du développement et de l'épanouissement de nos jeunes.

Notre mutisme est un message en soi. Il dénote une indifférence ou encore un manque d'opinion et de conviction de notre part. Qui ne dit mot consent et l'histoire est riche en témoignages à ce chapitre. Est-ce donc dire que nous approuvons la destruction de l'environnement par les industries ou par ces "amants de la nature" qui chassent les huards en canot automobile et balancent leurs "corps morts" par-dessus bord?

Pendant encore combien de temps notre silence fera-t-il naître le remord chaque fois que l'on parle de nos camps en les associant à des termes aussi peu élogieux que "le lac où quatre garçonnettes se sont noyées", ou "le lac aux rives jonchées de bris de glaces et de déchets" quand ce n'est pas "le lac où la G.R.C. a effectué des descentes de drogue"?

Deux corollaires résultent de notre silence: 1) personne ne nous connaît et même si nous sommes connus, 2) personne ne pense que nos opinions méritent de retenir l'attention. Dans un cas comme dans l'autre notre dimension s'en trouve réduite et nous passons à côté de notre vocation qui est d'informer le public de notre position sur des questions qui le concernent et de lui faire savoir quelles sont les solutions que nous pourrions apporter.

Nous faisons preuve d'une myopie évidente quand vient le temps de véhiculer nos opinions. Nos membres parlent entre eux d'une foule de choses d'ENVERGURE. Hélas, ils en discutent A HUIS CLOS!

Nous devons nous faire entendre dans nos localités, nos églises, nos journaux, à la radio et à la télévision. Le président de l'Association des camps du Canada de même que ceux des associations provinciales ont pour mandat de répandre nos théories. Les journaux comme La Presse, sont de puissants organes de diffusion dont nous devrions nous servir pour véhiculer nos idées, nos croyances et nos recommandations.

Quand nous aurons enfin appris à nous faire entendre, le public saura non seulement qui nous sommes mais aussi sous quelle bannière nous nous rangeons.

Viendra le jour où les médias viendront frapper à la porte de nos présidents partout au pays afin de recueillir une opinion sûre lors d'un accident, d'une crise ou d'un débat.

En attendant, il nous faut envoyer une lettre ici, faire un appel là, participer à des programmes de ligne ouverte, écrire aux éditeurs, accepter des entrevues à la radio et envoyer des communiqués de presse. Nous devons élever la voix tous ensemble pour qu'enfin éclate la mur du SILENCE.

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INTERVIEW

Lorne and May Brown are two people who have been extremely involved in camping both in their own province, and across the entire country. Lorne passed away in January 1976 and May spent her first summer without Lorne directing Camp Deka in the summer of 1976.

Jay Haddad interviewed May in Vancouver, B.C. on November 25, 1976. The following are excerpts from that interview:

CCA: It's a pleasure to be here in Vancouver and particularly to interview you, May, on behalf of the CCA. What are your first recollections of the Association?

MB: I attended one of the first meetings on the CCA in Ottawa in the spring of 1947; I was really there as a Director of Camp Oolahwan which is the YWCA camp in Montréal. I had a very interesting time, especially because I met so many people for the first time – people I had heard so much about, like Mary Edgar. I also met Marion Henderson Penney who was there representing British Columbia. It was Blackie Blackstock, whom I knew quite well even at that date through my McGill work, who introduced me to Marion and was keen for me to get a good start back in B.C. where I'd come from.

CCA: What was Mr. Blackstock's involvement at that time?

MB: Blackie at that time had his own camp (Mazinaw) but he was up at McGill improving his academic qualifications and I had just graduated from McGill and we became good friends. As it turned out, of course, he was a very good friend of my husband, Lorne's, and they became lifetime friends after that, so Blackie's a very good family friend.

CCA: In terms of the CCA as an organization, what do you remember from those years?

MB: Well, I went back to British Columbia and joined the BCCA and became involved with them for many years. We didn't have all that much to do then with the CCA because travel wasn't quite as easy across the country, although we certainly looked forward to getting our magazine and literature from Ontario! We basically viewed the CCA as essentially Ontario and Québec, because they carried the load in those early years. Conferences were held in Banff once in a while and the Alberta people would come out to B.C. so it was mainly the "names" of people that we knew by association in those early years – the Van Wagner years, the Anne Vail years and those people who were so very active; we eventually got to know them when they came to B.C. to visit and it was always a highlight to have them at a Conference. But travel was the key – travel is what tied the CCA together, in my view. The CCA Executive then moved to Alberta with Don Smith as President.

CCA: What year was this?

MB: It was 1963-65 and our Annual Meeting in 1965 was in Parkesville, B.C. We invited the CCA Executive to come out; it was at that time that we made the proposal for the CCA Executive to stay in British Columbia and I was asked to be President – so I was from 1965-67.



Photo Courtesy: May Brown

CCA: Were those good years? and was the CCA active?

MB: When I was President here, we had a very active group in British Columbia – people worked very hard. Peggy Etchell took on the job of Secretary and did an outstanding job. I was fortunate because throughout my term of office I was on the National Advisory Council for Fitness and Amateur Sport for the Federal Government; this meant that I was travelling across the country attending Council meetings in Ottawa on a regular basis. The CCA had no funds for me to travel as President and I was able to take side trips everywhere. I went to meet with every Provincial Camping Association throughout my two years.

CCA: The Federal Government did not fund the CCA at that time?

MB: No, it did not. The National Fitness Council was really just underway; we had Bill C-131 which has been passed in the House of Commons and the Advisory Committee was set up in about 1962 or 63 – I joined in 1964 and we were really groping at that time to try to figure out which groups we could fund and how we could use our allocated money. So the CCA had no great money then – when we travelled we tried to link it with other trips or our own Associations were sponsoring us.

CCA: In my mind, the name Lorne Brown has always been synonymous with outdoor education and nature awareness. Why?

MB: That was Lorne's philosophy of education – he was in teacher training and had been in physical education and actually it's interesting because Lorne was one of the people that founded the British Columbia Camping Association. It's an old association, older than the CCA; it was started in the 1930's. Gertrude Moore, who founded Moorecroft, (which is now a United Church Camp on Vancouver Island) and Lorne and several people from the "Y" founded the B.C. Camping Association. Lorne's whole philosophy of education was tied in with the out-of-doors; he was very active even in those early days with the YMCA Camp Elphinstone. Lorne believed that education was inextricably tied to one's feelings and an appreciation and awareness of our outdoor environment – he was definitely years ahead of his time with respect to his philosophy of education and camping.

CCA: Was this philosophy reflected through the CCA when you were President?

MB: Actually no, because our energy was invested in trying to get Provincial Camping Associations on a more solid footing. Some Provinces were just beginning the first stages of growing into an organization.

CCA: Which provinces and who were some of your contact people?

MB: We were working very closely in Saskatchewan with Eileen Mayotte and Jack McKenzie. We had connections in Newfoundland through the Salvation Army – people who had been in British Columbia. In New Brunswick, we worked through people who were connected with the Sports and Fitness Field – they called it the Youth Branch – through their provincial government. There already was an association in Nova Scotia and we worked with Dave Hartry and Freda Wales and others in that province.

CCA: Where did the Presidency go following your term of office?

MB: It went to Manitoba with Doug McEwen as President. At that time we were making approaches through Recreation Canada for funding and we began to be successful in getting some and that certainly helped a great deal.

CCA: How often did the CCA Board meet and how did you manage to get together as part of a "National" body?

MB: Again, the cost of travel was just prohibitive! Our CCA Board met once a year at our Annual Board Meeting, but people tended to go to Ottawa or Toronto for other things; many Westerners, for example, went to Toronto regularly to the CCA meetings and we would hold short meetings there.

We were also working at that time (1967), with John Latimer as Chairman, on the Centenary Journey and we did have some funding under that Centennial Project; we therefore, used our meeting times to also discuss CCA matters.

We also worked with the Secretary of State on inter-cultural camping; bringing ethnic children into the organized camping experience. This is very much taken for granted today, but at that time we were really pushing it. The Secretary of State sponsored a big seminar in Winnipeg and, again, we brought in people from all parts of the country, from our association and others. We took advantage of all these meetings to have CCA meetings.

CCA: I get the strong impression that "communication" was the most important tenet of your CCA Presidency; was communication your cornerstone?

MB: Yes, most definitely; we were just trying to communicate and give people a feeling of national unity and that the CCA was not limited to just one region but that we're all involved together. Cross country travel was becoming easier and we really started getting to know one another.

CCA: Let me go way back to May Brown as a young girl – what are your first recollections of a "camping" experience?

MB: I was brought up here in British Columbia in Surrey; I wasn't involved in organized camping except in "club" groups that went to camp on weekends – church groups, "Y" groups, school clubs, etc. I was raised in a pretty much rural setting – we did go camping as a family and as Sunday School groups, but

not as organized residential children's camps. It wasn't until my connection with the YWCA in Vancouver that I became involved with organized camping; then as a staff member in a teenage group that was here in Bone Island.

In 1945 I went back to Montréal to go to University and began to work for the YWCA at Camp Oolahwan as programme director and then as Director after a few summers; it was then that I became heavily involved with camping.

CCA: Was there any aspect of camp programme or camp activity that appealed to you in particular?

MB: I think, like all youngsters, campfires had a big impression on me. Sitting around a campfire with a group of people, singing songs and hearing stories – I think we tend to forget the tremendous impact it has on youngsters.

I also remember, as far as images are concerned, how fantastic the waterfront people were: they seemed to be the people who could do all these marvelous skills, like swim and canoe. They were always people to look up to; people with standards and high ideals. I think it's largely the result of that image that propelled me into physical education in university.

CCA: Were you exposed to Mr. Van Wagner?

MB: I should say! Mr. Van Wagner used to lead our outdoor education excursions at McGill; he was just marvelous! As a matter of fact, I've kept in touch with him all these years just because he impressed me so much. He had that quiet way about him; he could take any group of students out and it wouldn't matter what the weather was like, "Van" would set us up someplace where we were going to have lunch – before you knew it, fires were blazing and shelters were up and we were all so comfortable with him. Tremendous ability to handle groups in the out-of-doors, you know.

CCA: How active is your son Greg in camping?

MB: We used to laugh and say that he represented Canadian Camping because he went for about three years to Camp Elphinstone which is here on the coast and then he came to our camp, Camp Deka, a private camp in the (B.C.) interior. Following this experience, he spent two summers with "Blackie" at Camp Mazinaw in Ontario; next he went to camp in Alberta in the foothills with Lou Lanier, who's at the University of Alberta. Lou had a co-ed back-pack, hiking, riding, climbing camp which was excellent! The next summer saw Greg with Jack McKenzie of Saskatchewan on the Churchill chain with five Indians and five non-Indians. What a fantastic trip! After a couple of years, he went to the CCA Canoe School in Manitoba and then instructed in Alberta for about two years. I guess you could say he's pretty well rounded in camping; having had experiences with Lorne Bowering, his own Dad, Blackie Blackstone, Lou Lanier, Jack McKenzie and Brian Kreer.

CCA: When did you meet your husband?

MB: I came back to B.C. in the fall of 1947 and went on the Faculty of UBC; that same fall I met Lorne who was at the normal school (Faculty of Education) doing teacher training. He was very involved with Elphinstone and has been for 25 years – so we certainly had camping as our common ground! We were

both active in the Association, but soon after we were married, we began to look for property for our own camp – we had decided then that we would like to have our own camp. We searched for property and toured the country for years; in the spring of 1958 we found this property in the Carribou which was very remote, not even a road to it. There were 100 acres on Deka Lake at the North end; a beautiful waterfront, wooded, all the criteria were fulfilled that we wanted from a camp. It took about three summers of planning, clearing, construction, water, kitchen, etc.

We were ready to go by the summer of '61.

CCA: Do you remember your first camper who registered?

MB: Yes, I do – it was Philip Rowe and we had a "Rowe" every year for sixteen years – there were three boys in the family.

CCA: Do you have vivid recollections of Lorne, the camp philosophy at Deka and the programme?

MB: The camp, the boys, the programme were very special to Lorne. Because we were a small camp we had many full-camp programmes like campfire in the evenings. Lorne was intent on going past the fun and games to an appreciation of things – so certain traditions were built up like the totem pole, which the boys made, and campfires. We had fun nights, too. Lorne was "Chief Loony-Loon" and we had challenge night which was always special. We decided to forego challenge night last summer as the boys agreed it just wouldn't be the same without Lorne.

Lorne's philosophy was that a skilled camper is a safe camper; over protection was not necessary, but he felt that risks really weren't taken if you're skilled. Skills were emphasized (like riding, canoeing, back-packing etc.) but always within the structure of the cabin group. The cabin group moved together, worked together, played together; you see, skills were important, but not as an "end" in themselves. They were a "means" to the end, with the "end" being a boy feeling good about himself, confident in himself, more respectful of other people and of the natural environment. Our human skills were the most important but they were taught those principles through our skills activities.

CCA: Why is camping important to our young people? Is there a single answer?

MB: I think to be away from your family on a twenty-four hour basis and to explore the relationships you build up with your cabin group and leaders – is an experience that can't be matched anywhere! As camp directors and leaders, we have to draw on a lot of inner resources, but I think we forget that campers, too, must draw on their inner resources. It's imperative to get along, to be tolerant, to understand responsibility, that our actions affect other people, that we are a community – and as you give, you grow; you can "feel it" in the campfire experiences – the campers understand the bonding experience – to nature and to other human beings – and that's what I believe camping is all about!

CCA: May, thank you for your thoughts, your reminiscing, your sense of history, but particularly for sharing a little more of Lorne Brown and yourself with us.

MB: Thank you. ●

The CCA/ACC Archives are located at Trent University. The Oral History Interview Tapes reflect the efforts of many volunteers to record the history of the camping movement in Canada. Anyone wishing further information on the CCA/ACC Archives should communicate his specific area of interest to:

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POEM

You cannot strengthen the weak by
weakening the strong.
You cannot help small men by tearing down
big men.
You cannot help the poor by destroying
the rich.
You cannot help the wage earner by pulling
down the wage payer.
You cannot keep out of trouble by spending
more than your income.
You cannot further the brotherhood of man
by inciting class hatreds.
You cannot establish security on borrowed
money.
You cannot build character and courage by
taking away a man's initiative and
independence.
You cannot help men permanently by doing
for them what they could and should do for
themselves.

– Abraham Lincoln

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Each year in CCA/ACC has its unique highlights and the year just completed is no exception. You will read in the reports of the Committees and Task Forces of the various projects now in progress. Each of us has been aided considerably by the CCA/ACC Action Plan which established a format for these projects. Congratulate the authors for their foresight, we now must add to this plan for 1984.

Last May, presuming the ability to lead the Association, I needed to immediately acquire the assistance and cooperation of many people in order to begin. The enthusiastic responses received have cheered and encouraged the Executive and Board during the year. Well done all!

It has been fun to share with camping people in a number of Provincial Associations. The hospitality received in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and culminating in this Annual Meeting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan has been most appreciated. The opportunity to visit Manitoba is yet to come.

The three Vice Presidents have been very faithful in communicating within their regions and with their Chairmen; each has liaison responsibilities. Thank-you Gary Luthy (West), Jane McCutcheon (Central) and George Matthews (East) for your efforts during the year. I continue to appreciate our Secretary, Jan James and George Ross, Treasurer for their respective talents and contributions. Cliff Labbett is a supportive and involved Immediate Past President.

The CCA/ACC has recently been advised that our application for status as a registered Canadian Charitable Institution has been accepted. This should open up some new funding avenues for CCA/ACC.

Our emphasis now turns towards the big event for 1983, the International Camping Congress, January 26-29. John Latimer and his committee have already done much to drum up enthusiasm to attend this event; each CCA/ACC camp must plan to have delegates at the Congress in Toronto. This Congress, with its associated workshops, will help us progress - "we need to be there" as the campers say.

The front line of the CCA/ACC is our Executive Director who must tie together all the pieces in a purposeful administration. Thank-you Marjorie Booth, you do this ably for us.

Now let us all begin another year with vigorous attention to those items which will develop and improve Canadian Camping.

Jocelyn Palm

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Canadian Camping Association has accomplished a great deal in the last year. This is due to the foresight and commitment of the Board and Chairmen who undertook to achieve the various tasks in our Action Plan for 1981-82.

Specifically, the staff of the Association have worked hard to facilitate the work of the volunteers with a major emphasis on the following projects:

- National Wilderness Travel Leaders School, May 1981
- Publications Catalogue, 1981 Edition
- Production support for *Canadian Camping*
- Reports and meeting kits for CCA/ACC's Presentation to Fitness Canada
- Production of one "How To" pamphlet on fitness programs in Camps
- Presentation to Parks Canada of possible CCA/ACC involvement with training programs for park users

A special orientation program was carried out for the Board at our May meeting in Moncton. However, the task of orienting a new team of Chairmen, following the adoption of the Action Plan was certainly helped by the liaison system employed by the Association Executive.

One highlight of the past year was the visits made to several provincial associations: B.C., Alta., Ont., Qué., N.B., and N.S. In addition, the opportunity to visit fourteen camps during the summer in three provinces kept me in touch with the state of the art.

I am constantly aware of the efforts of volunteers with whom the office has closest contact. Jan James has worked diligently to follow up our meetings quickly with the minutes. George Ross, thankfully, is always available for consultation when the need arises. Our Publications Committee volunteers, Judy Richards, Wendy Wren and Beth Moon, have contributed much time and effort to make this year a success. John Latimer's team for the 1983 Congress have been very understanding when the office staff were occasionally over-extended. Jay Haddad's commitment to quality and professional development of our camp leaders is reflected in the content of *Canadian Camping*.

Mary Roy accomplished so much as a part-time Office Manager. Apart from the book-keeping and secretarial duties, she reconciles all the government grants and is responsible for staffing the Publications Service. I am sincerely grateful for your support and effort, Mary.

Our President, Jocelyn Palm, has done a superb job of guiding the Association during the past year. I can honestly say that my second year with the Association has been challenging and has provided an opportunity to develop new competence. Thank-you Jocelyn, for your patience and guidance.

In retrospect, 1981-82 has been a very good year for the CCA/ACC. My appreciation is extended to the Board, the Chairmen and the entire membership for providing such a stimulating environment in which to work for camping in Canada.

Marjorie Booth

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

The 1981-82 year has been very productive for the NLCA. Following our spring annual meeting in 1981, most members went off to their camps or centres to begin their summer programmes. The camping association, normally inactive during this time period, was able to engage in some informal, unofficial camp visits. Unfortunately, no visits were made in relation to checking existing stan-

dards. In addition, a summer newsletter was produced although the mail strike delayed its release date.

In September, preparations for a fall workshop began. The theme of the workshop was Winter Camping with an emphasis on planning now for the upcoming season. The workshop drew participants and the overall evaluation was good. Also during the fall, committee work continued on preparing for the Camping Leadership Course to be held in conjunction with Memorial University's Extension Division.

The course went ahead with 20 participants. The start was an intensive weekend with required overnight attendance. After this weekend, the group met for a three hour session for six weeks. The last days of the course concluded with another intensive overnight weekend. The course sessions were:

- Role of Camp Counsellor
- Child Development
- Needs of Special Groups
- Working with Groups
- Health and Safety
 - a. First Aid/Basic Hygiene
 - b. Emergency/Search and Rescue
 - c. Accidents
- Planning and Doing Activities
- Programmes
 - a. Music
 - b. Games
 - c. Cooking
 - d. Orienteering
 - e. Crafts
 - f. Drama
 - g. Hiking
 - h. Evening and Rainy Day Activities
 - i. Environmental Awareness Activities

Evaluation has rated the sessions and instructors very well. Final written evaluation is not yet available.

At the present time work is underway to plan for our annual meeting for 1982. It appears as if our guest speaker will talk on acclimatization with a practical session the next day. As well we are in the final stages of formulating our new three year plan. It is anticipated that it will be finalized and approved by the May 1982 meeting. One of the main objectives of this plan will be to reach out into the camping community to draw upon more people for their input to the Association's special projects and committees.

Kevin Moore

NOVA SCOTIA

This was another year of progress for the Camping Association of Nova Scotia. The year started out with the Annual Meeting in April and the election of the following officers:

- Past President - Rev. David Boston
- President - George Matthews
- 1st Vice-President - Mrs. Edith Roy
- 2nd Vice-President - Mrs. Barbara Burton
- Secretary - Miss Norma Lloyd
- Treasurer - Dennis McClelland
- Directors - Bob Bareham, Barb Daniel

In June, the Association held a highly successful Director/Counsellor weekend at Camp Hilles. Over sixty persons interested in camping attended this session. The highlight of the weekend were the sessions given by

Mr. Jay Haddad, a former Secretary of the Canadian Camping Association. The Program Chairman for this event was Murray Wickwire. The evaluations of this weekend were excellent.

During the summer, some camps were visited to assist the camps to develop good health programs and to encourage safety procedures that are known by all staff and campers. Although not all camps were visited, it is hoped that this objective can be reached this year.

In November, we hosted the CCA's fall Board Meeting. In order to take advantage of the expertise offered by members of the CCA board, the Association developed a one-day program on Saturday, November 21, 1981, especially geared to Camp Committee members and Camp Directors. This was the very first venture of its kind put on by the Association and it was a very successful event. Forty individuals were in attendance representing camps from many parts of the province. Subjects such as Camp Insurance, Staff hiring and training programs, Emergency procedures, etc. that related to the role of Camp Committee members were on the program. Miss Jocelyn Palm, President of the CCA, gave the opening address with a description of her involvement in camping - past and present.

In November, the Association applied for a Community Development grant from Canada Manpower. We were notified in December that we were successful and that we would be provided with almost \$16,000 to employ three people from mid-February to mid-August to carry out the work of the Association. Miss Lynn Fergusson is Project Manager and the other two workers are John Gray and John Charles.

During the year, we have continued to enjoy excellent relations with the Nova Scotia Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness. We received funding from the Department to carry out our projects of training and meetings. During the year, Mr. Glynn Bissex resigned as Co-Ordinator of Outdoor Services. He has been replaced by Mr. Rick Gilbert effective November, 1981. We have already started discussions with Mr. Gilbert to ensure the continued good relationships that we have enjoyed with the Department.

Our Association made a contribution of \$500.00 to the International Camping Congress. Our Association started making plans to send as large a delegation as we can to this Congress last year by raising funds on a work project and setting these funds aside for travel to the Congress. This promises to be an outstanding event and one that should be on every person's mind that is interested in Camping.

The Annual Meeting for the Association was held on March 4, 1982. The following officers were elected:

President - George Matthews
1st Vice-President - Jude DeGuerre
2nd Vice-President - Murray Wickwire
Secretary -
Treasurer - Dennis McClland
Members at Large - Elayne Mott,
Joan Collier, John Charles, Edie Roy

George Matthews

NEW BRUNSWICK

The year 1981 was one of substantial progress and growth for our small but active association. In reflecting back over the year's events, it becomes obvious that the positive happenings

within the association far outnumbered the setbacks incurred. Therefore, I feel safe in saying that the past year has been a very satisfying one for the volunteers involved with N.B.C.A.

Without question, the highlight of the year was the hosting of the C.C.A. Annual Meeting last May. Having this group of talented and concerned individuals present allowed for the association to offer its first major conference with over 85 delegates from across the province converging in Moncton for this event. The N.B.C.A. is indebted to the C.C.A. Executive and Board for their contributions to the conference, and the Camping movement in our province.

Throughout the summer months, members of the executive conducted a small scale camp visitation to promote the association. This is one area that our board feels very strong on and plan to expand this for 1982.

The fall period proved to be busier than usual for our association and with this came many peaks and valleys. The Atlantic Outdoor Skills School scheduled for St. John in September had to be postponed due to lack of registration. This was extremely disappointing to the organizing committee as the C.C.A. had made special application and received funding from Fitness Canada to provide us with two excellent resource leaders for this course.

In October, a two day Camp Administration session was held in conjunction with the annual Leisure New Brunswick Conference. We were fortunate to have our Executive Director, Marjorie Booth, present to facilitate this workshop. Although the number of people in attendance was disappointing, those present were rewarded with excellent sessions.

The fall also saw the Annual Meeting held in Moncton and the production of our first directory.

Over the year, the association lost the services of two dedicated individuals, Kevin Forster and Debbie Cooper. These individuals contributed greatly to the association and their friendly faces will be missed around our board table.

On the positive side, four new faces were added to the board. David McCrindle as secretary, Bruce Brine as Promotions Chairman, Burns Mills as Southern Representative, and Glenn Barned as Vice-President. With these new faces came the realignment of the committee structure to provide for continuous activity between board meetings.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the volunteers who give unselfishly of their time for the association, the Canadian Camping Association for their continued support and encouragement, and our Regional Vice-President, George Matthews, for his interest and guidance to our young association. Without your help, N.B.C.A. would not be where it is today.

Ian R. Fowler

QUEBEC

Les activités de l'ACQ ont gravité autour de deux pôles en 1981-82 soit le Congrès 82 et la promotion. Sous le thème: Les Vacances, Facteur de Croissance, le Congrès qui c'est déroulé au mois de mars a rencontré un franc succès sur la qualité de l'organisation et de sessions offertes aux participants.

La promotion de l'ACQ a voulu au cours de l'année à affermir sa représentation et l'image des camps du Québec par la publication de l'Annuaire 82, par une Semaine des camps intensive, par une présence de plus en plus incitante auprès des média et du publique. Il est à espérer que la fréquentation des camps du vacances se maintiendra et s'accroîtra.

Claire Ménard

ONTARIO

The past year for the O.C.A. has been active and forward moving. All the committees have carried on their tasks with enthusiasm and effectiveness. The Committee Chairmen are all to be congratulated for their leadership and commitment.

The overall impression that I have as I reflect on the past year is of an increased emphasis on the objective of the O.C.A. "to provide for the sharing of ideas and knowledge pertaining to the operation of children's camps".

This trend can be seen in the following outline of events:

1. An O.C.A. Canoe School in the Spring of 1981, held in conjunction with the Woodsmanship School. Although the registration was small, the participants were very positive in their evaluation and this event is being repeated in cooperation with O.R.C.A. This school emphasizes the *camp canoeing program*.
2. A Nurses' Workshop in the Spring of 1981 with fifty participants. The evaluation of this was overwhelmingly positive, and this event is being repeated. Vice President, Jane McCutcheon is to be thanked for providing the driving force behind both these events.
3. The O.C.A. Library has been recatalogued and expanded and is now part of the Education Committee's mandate - to ensure relevant and new titles.
4. The O.C.A. News is emphasizing educational and professional items under the editorial policy of Ron and Mickey Johnstone.
5. In the Fall of 1981 Nelson Wieters led the Directors' Weekend through the challenging task of considering camp directing as a profession and the issue of certification of Camp Directors. These issues sparked lively debate, and although no decisions were reached, our awareness of these issues as an Association has increased.
6. The Education Committee has begun to offer "at home evenings" - discussion of the Year's Calendar, Interviewing, Emergency Procedures, and Behavioural Problems - these meetings are open to all members and the attendance has been growing and their value to those attending outstanding.

These events in conjunction with the traditional Directors' Conference, Counsellor Conference, and Woodsmanship School ensure that the educational component of the Association is definitely growing.

Our traditional services such as Standards, Legislation, Directory and Counsellor Placement are functioning well and the Membership numbers are stable.

In the year ahead Ontario looks forward to hosting the Canadian Camping Association International Camping Congress in January of 1983 in Toronto, and hopes that many C.C.A. members will be our visitors.

Janet Adamson

MANITOBA

1981 has been an interesting year for me to work with this volunteer association. I've experienced much support from the elected members to the executive committees and the appointed persons to the committees that made up the Manitoba Camping Association Executive Board. I can say with confidence that as an Association we are providing a *voice* through which quality camping and recreational leadership opportunities can be experienced by many here in Manitoba.

Some of the highlights for the year were:
A. The Sunshine Fund reached a record high in 1981 despite the problems and inconvenience of a postal strike. The total raised for 1981 was \$25,241.13 (actual) plus \$621.58 (opening balance from 1980), for a total of \$25,862.71. This represents a substantial increase over the 1980 actual donations of \$11,906.35.

A complete handbook is being compiled on how the Sunshine Fund got started and how it is effectively run and operated. Important is the administration of public funds to which this handbook speaks.

B. During the past year, the Standards Committee, has made several contacts with representatives of the Environmental Management Division of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Environment, with the objective of facilitating for M.C.A. member camps the process of obtaining annually the permit necessary to operate and retain accreditation. We are hopeful that small steps can be taken centrally by M.C.A. in 1982 to assist member camps with this most important matter.

C. A decision was made in the fall to combine the annual Camp Director's seminar with M.C.A.'s Annual Meeting in February of 1982. A grant was received from the Winnipeg Foundation to subsidize this event. The Winter Workshop dealt with principles of camp financing. Ron Johnstone, Past-President of the Canadian Camping Association and a camping consultant was our resource person.

A day long workshop was held on May 5, 1981 at St. James Y.M.C.A. Joseph Cornell, founder of the Earth, Sky Nature Awareness Program and author of the book *"Sharing Nature with Children"* was the resource person. He covered many unique teaching principles and activities that can be applied to the teaching and study of nature in a camp setting. The workshop was well attended by member camps' program and counselling staff.

D. The newest undertaking was a joint effort between the Manitoba Camping Association and the Manitoba Chapter of Christian Camping International to publish 5 newsletters yearly entitled "Manitoba Camping Scene". We're proud of these editions and if you're not on the mailing list, drop us a note.

We may be small; we may be slow, but we're coming and we continually need CCA to parent us and give us, as a local association, encouragement as you have done so well in the past. May we look and work together toward providing high standards of excellence in the camp and recreation industry throughout Canada.

Terry Burkhalter

SASKATCHEWAN

The Saskatchewan Camping Association has had a very eventful year since last May. The S.C.A. reviewed and made several changes to its constitution in order to re-apply for continuance under the new Sask. Government's Non Profit Corporation Act.

The Association held a Future planning workshop for all board members at Camp Rayner on Oct. 24-25. This workshop was to design a plan of growth for the S.C.A. The workshop organized by Jack Croteau was very productive with several plans and some hard work coming out of the session. Such

items as membership recruitment, finances and publicity were worked on extensively.

The Summer of 1981 was also a very busy one for the S.C.A. Our Standards Program was renewed for the ten accredited camps. Of the ten, nine applied to be reaccredited. The camp visitations, by members of the Board, took place during the summer. Certificates of accreditation will be presented at the S.C.A. Annual Meeting May 1, 1982.

Over the winter the S.C.A. Board has undergone several changes in personnel. At present there is a 5 member gap due to transfers out of province. However the Board is anticipating a new resurgence of membership this spring with elections.

Committee work has been, even with the reduced Board, active. Our Spring conference will be under way this year with an added bonus of the CCA/ACC Annual meeting. CCA/ACC Executive Director Marj Booth has greatly helped in the organization of this conference and has assisted the S.C.A. Board in times of need this winter. A special thanks to her for her work and concern.

The S.C.A. was planning a special counsellors session in May called "Counsellor In A Day". This was to be a special skills session with counsellors province wide. We are hoping that next year we will be able to get this project off the ground.

All in all S.C.A. has had a challenging year. The people that we have on the board are dedicated to the S.C.A. and camping in this province. I would like to personally thank everyone of them for their strength and perseverance. The S.C.A. will continue to be in Saskatchewan a force for better camping standards, and will continue to work for the camping population.

David Godwin

ALBERTA

The strength of the camping movement in Alberta, and the strong commitment of each A.C.A. volunteer is reflected in the work of the Alberta Camping Association in 1981.

Below are shared several of the highlights of the Alberta Camping Association in 1981:

• LONG RANGE PLANNING

The Five Year Plan initiated in October, 1980, was refined, and the resources required to accomplish were identified. Jan James greatly assisted with the revision process.

Gary Luthy and Jan Crook have started the process of revising the A.C.A. constitution; the newsletter reflects the goals stated in the plan.

This document will serve as a valuable workshop document for the A.C.A. members and Board.

• RESIDENTIAL CAMP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Throughout 1981 A.C.A. members contacted their members of the Legislative Assembly to encourage the adoption of a financial aid program to assist residence camps with capital improvements. Thanks! to all A.C.A. members who have made their needs known to MLA's.

• FINANCES

A serious examination of the finances of the A.C.A. was undertaken by the Board in the spring of 1981. The Board held all expenses to the absolute minimum and searched for new sources of revenue. All A.C.A. members are encouraged to assist with the fund raising function.

The close scrutiny of finances will continue in '82.

• WILDERNESS TRAVEL

Wilderness Travel continued to grow and develop. The A.C.A. hosted a Wilderness Travel Leadership Course for the Canadian Camping Association in May. Through the dedicated efforts of Gary Luthy, Bruce Elkin, Chris Miller, Marnie Virtue and Marjorie Booth, participants from the camping movement throughout Canada experienced this special A.C.A. Leadership program. Fitness Canada and Alberta Recreation and Parks provided financial assistance to this program.

The Wilderness Travel Instructor Development Program and one Wilderness Travel Program were also hosted in '81.

• MEMBERSHIP

Deidra Edwards very capably and competently developed the 1981 A.C.A. Directory and kept the membership books.

• EDUCATION

Jan Crook and the Education Committee worked closely with other Alberta Associations, most noticeably the Alberta Orienteering Association. A project to map several Alberta camps was initiated in '81, and will continue to be developed in '82.

• COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Nichol produced four newsletters, each fulfilling the mandate slated in the Long Range Plan. Through Ron's efforts, the A.C.A. can now benefit from the printing services provided to members of Sport Alberta.

Many A.C.A. Board and Committee members contributed greatly to A.C.A. in '81. Shirley McFall and Marc Langlois and the Conference Committee must be congratulated on an excellent conference. Jan James' unending quest for the early history of our Association continued, Alison Walker's secretarial services, Carson Henrick's services as treasurer were accurately and willingly given.

The Alberta Camping Association faces many challenges in 1982. With the continued efforts of the Association's many dedicated volunteers, I am sure it will be a bright and prosperous future.

Jean Funk

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Government of the Province of British Columbia has abandoned its long history of licensing summer camps. Except for approvals by the Health Department and other specific agencies, the government no longer regulates children's camping.

As a result, government agencies and provincial foundations now look to the BC Camping Association's Standards and Accreditation Program as the recognition a camp needs in order to qualify for foundation funding or for government sponsored campers.

In 1981, a government grant was received that permitted Ted Dinsley, Membership Secretary of the BCCA to tour the province, encouraging membership in the Association and explaining our Standards Program. He identified 82 non-member camps and made contact with each.

The provincial government's interest in the BCCA in 1982 will include a staff person hired for the summer with a possibility of an Executive Director being appointed in the Fall. The Safety and Awareness Division of the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing considers our involvement as a key element replacing the previous licensing system.

The major problem facing BCCA is the lack of strong volunteer support. Committees are usually understaffed and participation at regular monthly meetings is weak. It was our goal in 1981 to correct this problem and we have been only marginally successful. It is our ambition in 1982 to ensure a more active membership.

Lorne Bowering



ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The activities undertaken in the area of Archives during the past year have been consistent with the Action Plan for this committee.

Last May a sample questionnaire on camp archives was circulated to all provincial presidents with the hope that it might be useful in gathering pertinent information about our past. Several provinces used the questionnaire at some point last year.

The oral history (taping "Guidelines for Interviews", which were developed by the OCA Archives Committee were circulated to each provincial contact responsible for archives. The "Finding Aid for CCA/ACC Archives" stored at Trent University was also forwarded to each province.

The ongoing challenge for this committee is to encourage all the provincial associations to store the records of their past in a *systematic* way. We still lack contacts for Archives Chairmen in some provinces.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Our CCA Constitution has had very few amendments since its inception and also there have been very few changes in the By-laws of the association since they were first written.

Being Chairman of this Committee is a job that usually falls onto the shoulders of the immediate Past President because he or she should be familiar with the workings of the association and know where changes, if any, should be made to effectively operate the association.

Since taking over the position we have made a few housekeeping changes in the format to bring things up to date. However, we did make a significant change in creating three Vice-Presidents - one for the West, one for Central Canada and one for the Atlantic provinces.

If you or your province association feel that some sections of the Constitution or By-laws need revision or additions, please let us know about them. We are happy to look at any suggested changes and make recommendations to the Board.

E. Clifford Labbett

CONSULTATION/ SPEAKER'S BUREAU TASK FORCE

The objective of the Consultation/Speaker Bureau is to have developed by summer of 1983 a list of national consultant/speakers who could be called on to address various topics related to camping. The list would have a minimum of forty-two (42) persons.

The Task Force is attempting to collect names of persons and topics by soliciting the provincial presidents and provincial conference chairman for ideas as well as approaching certain individuals.

Names and topics will be collected until the fall of 1982 and a list will be compiled, collated and individuals contacted for permission.

It would be hoped that provinces will be able to use this list when planning seminars, workshops or conferences.

Any input would be welcomed by the Task Force prior to October 31, 1982.

Wayne Perkins

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

In the Fall of 1981, an initial group consisting of Janet Adamson, John Wilkinson and Stan Talesnick were asked to join me to form the Education Committee. The assignment for us was to put into action the first stages of the Board's long range plan for the professional development of camp directors. During this work, we have been joined by Carolea Butters (Carolea Butters is Chairman of the Ontario Task Force on Professional Development) who wished to observe the development of this assignment at the national level.

As the basis of our research we used the Committee's Objective to:

"examine, make recommendations for and publicize a variety of educational opportunities for the professional development of camp directors in Canada. (This could include the preparation of a self-directed learning curriculum for use anywhere in Canada)."

We developed eight steps to lead us toward a proposed curriculum or body of knowledge. All of this research is to come from within the Canadian Camping community. To date, we have completed three of these steps and have compiled a significant amount of data.

By January 1983, the Committee expects to complete this current aspect of the long range plan and will be prepared to host a Pre-Congress Educational Workshop where the material compiled by the Committee will be presented and assessed by delegates from across Canada. The expectation is to determine the basic core curriculum required for professional development of camp directors.

Dorothy Walter

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

With the arrival of spring the CCA/ACC Environment Committee has renewed its efforts in the development of an Environmental Ethic. This ethic is an attempt to offer some sound philosophy and guidance for the wise and appropriate use of our natural surroundings at camps, and everywhere. Initially the ethic was to be completed by March 1982, as

per the CCA/ACC Action Plan, but this date has now been extended to September 1982.

Assistance toward this goal has been lent to date by these persons: Jim Hopkins, Tom Knowlton, Grant Linney, Diane Bertling and Susan Erskine. Some further support has recently been offered by Kevin Moore of Newfoundland, Rob McIntosh of Alberta and John Jorgenson of Ontario. An April date has been set to better define the terms and scope of an ethic and to take positive steps toward its completion. Thanks kindly to these folks.

The Environment Committee has also been represented by discussion of the sharing of the National Survival Institute's Acid Rain Education Kit with CCA/ACC camps (as announced in Canadian Camping, Winter 1982, Vol. 33, No. 6) and the potential for input by our association to the development of skills programs in Canada's National Parks. Marjorie Booth has spearheaded both of these projects.

It is hoped that as the wheels get rolling, this committee will be able to offer more to the membership through the next year by completion of an Environmental Ethic and communications through the association's newsletter, *Canadian Camping*.

Grateful thanks to Jocelyn Palm and Marjorie Booth for their guidance, and to Jane McCutcheon for her support and in her role as executive liaison to this committee.

Peter Rasberry

EXECUTIVE WORKSHOP TASK FORCE

As part of the Canadian Camping Association's Action Plan adopted in May of 1981 an Executive Workshop Task Force was identified, the immediate objective being "to conduct by 1983 a pilot project of an annual workshop for volunteer executive members serving in provincial associations which will focus on volunteerism". The intent at that time was to conduct the workshop in conjunction with the International Camping Congress in January of 1983. However, in January of 1982 the Canadian Camping Association was informed that the funding request to the federal government for the 1982/83 fiscal year to cover workshop funding was not approved. Therefore the proposed workshop has been postponed to the fall of 1983 with the intent to request funding again for the fiscal year 1983/84.

Though no Task Force members have as yet been recruited some action has been taken: former volunteer workshop reports from the Canadian Camping Association and the Royal Life Saving Society have been studied and the 1981 Report on the Status of Volunteer Leadership Development in Canada for Fitness Canada has been carefully considered. Discussion has taken place with executive members of a few other voluntary organizations and drawing from the foregoing a check-off questionnaire has been developed to share with our executive volunteers to determine the priority needs of these members, thus determining the focus and possible structure of the workshop. The questionnaire is being sent to all executive volunteers prior to the Saskatoon Board Meeting in May. Prior to the return of the needs questionnaire results, task force members will be recruited, a format for the Executive Workshop will be developed, leadership will be considered and a budget

will be developed in preparation for a full proposal to the Canadian Camping Association Board in October of this year.

G. Ivan Robinson

FRENCH LANGUAGE COMMITTEE

The French Language Committee contributed to the CCA/ACC in several ways this year.

We were responsible for the translation of the article: *Comment organiser un programme de voile*. In addition, we re-typed and proof-read the French text of *Le Guide du Coureur de Bois*. Last autumn we contributed an article on statistics in French to *Canadian Camping*.

Currently, we are actively recruiting speakers to give sessions in French at the Congrès international des camps/International Camping Congress.

The objectives for 1982-83 include submission of additional articles in French to *Canadian Camping*. (All members who can write articles should be encouraged to contribute French material as well!) Further, the committee will submit a report to the Board with recommendations for translation priorities.

Rosaire Corbin

FUNDING COMMITTEE

The Funding Committee submitted its written report to the Board of Directors in February 1982. The report reflected the two major themes of alternate funding sources and membership fee structure.

Specific information was included on foundations, corporations, individual memberships and special projects as possible alternate avenues of financial support.

The membership study resulted in the presentation of five options which would significantly affect the funding of the national association.

The Board will discuss this report at their annual meeting and their conclusions will doubtless result in some effective financial planning for our future.

Rick Ryan

IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

The protocol worked out with the Federal Ministry of Employment and Immigration, at our annual meeting in Ottawa with senior officials, has worked so well that it was continued without change for 1981. It is our hope that these procedures will become established and accepted by camps and the Government so that from year to year the hiring of some foreign staff can be carried out smoothly. We have enjoyed excellent cooperation from the Federal officials involved. They have been helpful, understanding and supportive of our position.

Only three problem situations arose just prior to camp time and again these were caused by camps which did not follow the procedural steps faithfully. I would urge all provincial presidents to remind camp directors to follow the protocol sent to them.

One camp brought in a staff member under what appeared to be false pretenses. The person and the camp was castigated by the Regional and Federal offices. The camp is on probation for 1982. This camp's action has reflected adversely upon all Canadian camps and we have had to give the strongest possible assurances that member camps are following the protocol faithfully. Please caution your provincial camps. The privilege extended by the Federal Government could be revoked if it is believed that any camp or camps is circumventing the agreed protocol. It is assumed that camps are acting in good faith.

The statistics compiled by the Federal Government are in the chart below.

Barry Lowes

1983 INTERNATIONAL CAMPING CONGRESS TASK FORCE

Many of our earlier difficulties have been overcome, and we are now 'on target' with the plans.

The Congress will be held at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto. The room prices seem to be quite high, and we are now endeavouring to get them lowered. However, we are also trying to warn delegates in Canada of the higher Toronto prices with the hope that they will start to "save" now. We need the support of every delegate to live in the Hotel, otherwise

costs of the meeting rooms become extremely high. This is not unusual for a hotel to relate the costs of the meeting rooms with the number of bedrooms booked.

Regarding finances, we will be encouraging individual members of C.C.A. to contribute, with the hope that we can overcome a planned deficit of approximately \$4,000.00 at the present time. I am confident we should be able to cover this deficit, through both individual and private donations as well as corporate support. The reason for the deficit is due to high costs of bringing in world-wide speakers, as well as meeting rooms. This latter would be cut considerably if we book 500 bedrooms per night.

Speakers have been booked from centres across Canada and the United States as well as New Zealand, England, India, Bermuda, and Japan. And we are hoping for more! The programme committee has been doing an excellent job, and the first mailing will be ready for publication at the end of April, with the distribution being done in mid-May.

The Department of External Affairs have been extremely helpful in circulating information to 32 countries.

Kindred groups will be meeting in Toronto prior to the Congress, and this therefore should help with attendance and involvement.

Provincial Associations are asked to help in the promotion of this Congress. Such promotion could be done through their own newsletters or meetings, and any support or information which is needed will be gladly supplied.

I am also pleased to report that 8 sessions will be given in French, with simultaneous translation being offered at each of the three key sessions. The registration form will be bilingual, as well as other necessary information. Sessions being presented in French will have the item listed in French in the programme.

Provincial Associations are also asked to support the Congress by seeking out potential exhibitors from their own province. Any 'leads' should be directed to David Sands through the C.C.A. office.

John Latimer

FOREIGN CAMP COUNSELLORS (CCDO 2333-126)

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*With Manpower Clearance

**Without Manpower Clearance (those without Manpower Clearance were admitted to the country under various exemption codes such as Working Holiday Programs, Canadian Crossroads, etc.)

(1) '4 not stated' included in total 1981.

Source: Canada Manpower & Immigration

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

CONSULTANT/ADVISORS PROJECT

Four associations have made proposals for workshops using consultant/advisers this spring. The workshops involve leadership training for camp staff in a particular physical skills area. "A consultant/adviser will provide quality resource leadership in order to train leaders in each provincial association." With the assistance of the CCA/ACC Executive Director the names of resource people and the arrangements for these workshops are being finalized.

SYSTEM OF EVALUATION

I have developed forms for workshop evaluation and information that has to be completed in meeting funding criteria for Fitness Canada on the Consultant/Advisor Project. These forms also serve as a beginning to develop systematic and consistent records and evaluation of CCA/ACC programs. Information from the forms will as well, act as a basis for articles in the "Canadian Camping" and provide news of CCA/ACC events to all members.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

A committee of contacts from each association has been formed under the title, 'Leadership Development Programs'. Through written correspondence I have asked for their involvement in considering a possible second draft of the CIT manual begun by Jean Funk and her committee. Originally it was my understanding this was developed as a how-to manual. However the format in its present draft is that of a survey of cross-Canada C.I.T. programs schedules, lesson plans and evaluation forms. Details from the Publications Committee need yet to be outlined and a new submission date decided.

COMMUNICATION OF LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Existing programs and workshops planned by associations have been listed in the "Canadian Camping" in a calendar format as opportunities of leadership development. This will be a regular feature as workshop dates become known.

Dinny Biggs

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

The Legislation Committee functions as a "watchdog" on federal legislation which could possibly have an influence on the operations of member camps. However, there has been no federal legislation passed this year which will directly affect camping.

Discussion is currently underway concerning the Small Vessel Regulations which come under the Canada Shipping Act. These changes are being discussed by the Marine Safety Advisory Committee. Some of the proposed changes would have a significant impact on sailing, canoeing, water skiing and boating programs at camp. Both Ron Johnstone and Jocelyn Palm are representing the interests of camping in these deliberations.

MAGAZINE TASK FORCE

Formed after last year's annual meeting, this task force was mandated to study the feasibility of the CCA (re) launching a magazine. During the past year, I have studied the question and considered the present circumstances and limitations. This report is intended only to highlight the results of the study. Further details can be obtained from the task force's complete report.

Essentially, the task force considered the past and current magazine/newsletter efforts. Most aspects related to such publications were investigated. These included: circulation, advertising, format, editorial policy, financial implications, etc.

The results of the study essentially suggest that the CCA should not re-launch its magazine per se, but should make some distinct and conscious efforts to broaden/change its current "newsletter" in three (3) areas:

- 1) Initiate a major subscription campaign to attract as many camp staff subscribers as possible.
- 2) Establish an editorial policy to reflect the change in readership.
- 3) Actively seek advertising revenue with a view to having the publication be a revenue generator.

Further recommendations and suggestions are included with the complete report.

The CCA has the potential to make some significant improvements with its publication, and at the same time, move towards the establishment of a small financial resource.

Derek Walsh

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

As is evidenced by everyone, we've gone to a new format for the CCA/ACC Newsletter in an effort to:

- a) upgrade and improve the quality of our product and
- b) to be able to put more information on our pages.

Typesetting has allowed us to move in the direction of fulfilling both of these goals.

Also, we have an Editorial Board to assist me consisting of John Latimer, John Walker, and Murray Wickwire.

We have several standard features: Editorial (bilingual), Letters to the Editor, Interview, Poem, Menu, Group Dynamics Exercise, Regional News (Western, Central, Eastern). We are in the process of initiating two additional "regular" features: a camping ADVICE column to deal with questions, problems, difficulties in any area of camping from hiring and firing to bulk purchasing and maintenance. I'm very excited and optimistic about this feature.

The second feature will hopefully be a regular PHOTOGRAPHY WINNER - perhaps a camper or a camp submission. We will recruit outside assistance in this area with the hopes of possibly using some colour photographs "sponsored" by a company.

The feedback and support have been nothing short of excellent - the country is responding and reinforcing our every effort and we will endeavour to improve our quality. With 16 pages per issue, at present we experience no trouble in filling our pages; in fact, we have difficulty because we must delete good articles and information. We hope the enviable position will continue to exist! Our hope is that there will be an increase in French language submissions - from articles to opinions.

Currently, we are committed to four issues per year but we will evaluate this position annually as we will evaluate our subscription rates. When we have a few more issues published, we then hope to chase advertisers with a product they would "want" to be a part of. This will be a 1982-83 initiative.

Lastly, I would like to thank Marjorie Booth for her help, assistance, and encouragement for our Newsletter. May we continue to grow!

Jay Haddad

Leadership/Skills Development Opportunities

	EAST	CENTRE	WEST
JULY & AUGUST	NS: Travelling Resource Personnel Camp Visitations		Alta: Standards and Program Visitations
SEPT.	Atlantic Woodsmanship School hosted by NB		
OCTOBER		CCA/ACC Executive Meeting, Toronto Ont: Man-Environment* Impact Conference	Alta: (CCI) Christian Camp* Conference
NOV.	Nfld: Leadership Event	Ont: Director's Weekend	Man: Director's Workshop
DEC.		Pre-Congress Registration Deadline: 20 December 1982	
JAN.		National: CCA/ACC Board of Directors - January 24-25, 1983 Promotions, Standards, Education Workshops January 25-26, 1983 INTERNATIONAL CAMPING CONGRESS - January 26-29, 1983 CONGRES INTERNATIONAL DES CAMPS	
FEB.	NB: Winter Skills Nfld: Camp Counsellor Conference		Sask: Winter Skills
MARCH			Alta: Directors Conference CCA/ACC Executive Meeting Vancouver

*These events are not sponsored by CCA/ACC. However the National Office can forward the names of interested members to the groups responsible.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

A. PUBLICATIONS SERVICE

At the beginning of the year new policies were established concerning all aspects of the Publications Service. A new system of inventory control was established and several publications were evaluated and added to the current catalogue.

A concerted effort was made to increase the revenues through larger displays and promotion at conferences and workshops across Canada. Such displays were prepared for the ACA Conference, SCA Counsellor Conference, CANS Directors Conference, ACQ Congrès, Ontario Director's Workshop at Bark Lake, OCA Director's Workshop, OCA Counsellors' Conference and OCA Conference in March.

We are grateful to the OCA for making special arrangements for our booth in the exhibit area at the OCA Conference.

Various signs have been made for promotional purposes at future conferences and workshops.

The profit on sales of publications is up 25% and we hope that with further efforts this trend will continue.

Judy Richards, Wendy Wren

B. CCA/ACC PUBLICATIONS

This year four "HOW TO" publications have been produced. The topics covered include *Sailing*, *Winter Camping*, *Waterfront*, and *Fun & Fitness*. All were produced in both official languages.

Work is progressing on a brief biography of Mary S. Edgar and her contribution to camping. Also highlighted will be her inspirational writings and ways to use them in quiet time and devotional programs. This publication should be available to the public by July 1982.

Application has been made for funding through Fitness Canada for a special project for National Physical Activities Week in May 1983. This project would involve the revision or reprinting of a family camping booklet available to the general public. The launching of this project is contingent on receipt of the required funding from Fitness and amateur Sport.

Beth Moon

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

I was delighted last summer to be asked to chair this Committee and undertook it with enthusiasm. In reflection though, there is little concrete to report. I would dearly love to list a number of key successes in our work of publicizing camping in Canada but instead, we have beginnings and continual efforts to keep us in the public eye.

The biggest promise at present is the Promotions Workshop in Toronto in January, 1983. It is a unique and exciting project which could be the seed of a growing national publicity campaign which will reap benefits for several years to come. At this point I have developed the skeleton for the workshop. The budget will be submitted for the next Executive Meeting. Before and after the summer I anticipate visiting Toronto to firm some arrangements. I feel very strongly about this project and know it can be terrific.

In November I attended the Board Meeting in Halifax where, with the great help of Terry Burkhalter, we began the planning for '83.

I have been writing several articles for the press. I have done a local radio interview, a syndicated TV show and two print interviews on camping and how to choose a camp. In all I have discussed both International Congress and the Promotions Workshop.

This summer I will be travelling in the west and hope to be able to do some PR for CCA there. I gave a workshop on Publicity of Camps.

I want to thank Fitness Canada for the financial support to attend the November meeting. Special thanks for support and encouragement also go to Jocelyn Palm, Jane McCutcheon, Marjorie Booth.

This year has been a valuable learning experience for me and I am very impressed with the calibre, enthusiasm and expertise of the people with whom I have worked. I look forward to the next year of hard work and success.

Marnie M. Ellis

RETAIL SALES TASK FORCE

The Canadian Camping Association has considered whether one method of fund-raising might be through retail sales. This consideration must be made along with the discussion of the Funding Committee Report.

Obviously, no final decisions have been made yet. However, one or two products are being examined carefully with a view to having a report ready for the Board early next year.

Janet Adamson

STANDARDS TASK FORCE

During the past year we have been gathering and updating information on the various provincial standards programs and their methods of accreditation.

We have been advised that Fitness Canada will financially support a special workshop in January 1983 to examine the national picture on standards and recommended practices for member camps. Here are what I believe that tasks ahead involve:

- 1) Provincial comparison of written standards as to what exists based on the summer of 1981
- 2) Process of implementation documented again by provincial comparison under specific topics as:
 - who has mandatory standards
 - who uses a scoring or percentage system
 - is there a pass/fail system
 - question of authority as it relates to provincial legislation
 - informal/formal ties to provincial licensing bodies
 - is accreditation/visitation an annual, biennial or triennial process
- 3) Explore and examine the composition of visitation and accreditation teams:
 - who qualifies to accredit a camp
 - what qualifications are required
 - what training is required yearly
 - who provides this group with credibility and authority

Early in the new year we will establish contact with the various Standards Chairmen in the provincial associations to begin our preparations for the January Workshop.

Brian Law



SOUTH PACIFIC REPORT

– Witness to Excellence –

by: Professor Kirk A. Wipper

The South Pacific – zone of the southern cross – is a most impressive part of the world! The distances between the island groups and the vastness of the Pacific Ocean itself inspired what will be an ever expanding respect for the navigational talents demanded of the islanders.

The voyage included the following regions of the South Pacific: the first leg was from Toronto to Los Angeles and then after a stop in Hawaii to the Fiji Islands; the second stage took the writer to Nauru in Micronesia and then to the Solomon Islands. From that area, the journey continued by travelling back to Nauru and Fiji and then on to New Zealand. Finally, the homeward section included Hawaii and back to Canada via Los Angeles.

Origin of the expedition came from long association with the Kanawa International Museum of Canoes, Kayaks and Rowing Craft. The primary purpose of the voyage was to study the Polynesian migrations but at the same time learn about the various cultures in the South Pacific and to find craft which might be available in that part of the world. From the literature and through an examination of the few Pacific craft held in Kanawa, it became a mission that could no longer be postponed. The most revealing publication discovered in preparation for the undertaking was *Canoes of Oceania* by Haddon and Hornell. This gave to the writer an insight into the great diversity of watercraft that are found in the islands.

In anticipation of the journey to Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia, the following variables were selected as an appropriate base for the study:

- construction modes
- art forms
- navigation techniques
- music & chants
- natural materials
- building tools
- canoe related equipment

A more general goal was to experience first hand the environments from which the various canoes of the Pacific originated. This was considered essential to a proper interpretation and display as specimens were acquired. Simply to present a canoe without supporting description could not begin to do justice to the people who created them. Accordingly description of the environment, tribal traditions, probable origins and nature of waterways, were recorded in order to provide an inspirational experience for future visitors of all backgrounds.

As suggested above, another purpose for the voyage was to acquire hand and wind propelled watercraft which would give North Americans in particular, some further insight into the magnificent talent of the Pacific Islanders. Although some tentative

plans had been made regarding appropriate craft for acquisition, these were for the most part abandoned in favour of better possibilities in the regions visited. As the trip unfolded, many adjustments became essential and, in addition, the itinerary was altered to take advantage of preferred opportunities. A rigid schedule simply could not be tolerated. There is, in that region of the world, a different rhythm of viewing time and meeting deadlines. For the most part, it becomes necessary to live and work in time with the Pacific way or suffer the consequences and frustrations of the alternative. This condition, interestingly enough, is not a handicap but rather an adventure in alternate lifestyle. There is a particular attraction in adapting to the unpredicted and in so doing, getting in tune with the people in their terms. In any given area several different specimens could be considered representative of that locality.



Photo Courtesy: Wipper,
Kanawa Museum and University of Toronto

To provide the reader with some insight into the watercraft of the South Pacific, the following random descriptions are provided:

Fijian thamakau – a single outrigger canoe with Oceanic lateen sail and a lee platform. This canoe in its time, was purported to be one of the finest outrigger canoes ever made and in some cases as long as 30 metres. Because of the scale of the thamakau the owner was usually a chief, a village or an extended family.

Fijian drua (pronounced ndruea) – a great double canoe with dugouts of unequal size held together by a rather elaborate but practical deck structure. Samoans and Tongans built similar vessels – all with the capacity to carry sometimes over 200 warriors and with the capacity of speeds up to 15 knots.

New Guinea lakatoi – usually a large composite raft built up of three or more dugout canoe hulls lashed together with a deck covering them all. Propulsion was achieved with two masts and crab claw sails. When tacking the craft is reversed. Deckhouses are covered with palm leaves as a means of protection from sun and storm.

New Zealand Waka Taua – a Maori war canoe that was powered by sail and paddles. The hull was carved from a giant log with the use of a specially designed adze. A great deal of ritual was observed in the making of the canoe because the ceremony and the art served as a tribute to their ancestors. It also reflected a sense of harmony with the natural world which was important to the Maori people.

Hawaiian Wa's Kaulua – these twin log dugouts were well calculated for speed and reliability in rough weather. The sleek symmetrical design allowed these extraordinary craft to endure unpredictable conditions on the long voyages that were undertaken. Modern materials are now used but the ancient designs remain unchanged. In Hawaii today, it is possible to see numerous replicas of the craft used for centuries.

Western Solomon Islands Tomako – a most graceful craft with high bow and stern sweeping up in crescent shape from the ends of the canoe. Pearl shell inlay adorns the entire length of the craft in symbols bearing a special meaning for the users. White cowrie shells appear on the outer edge of the unswept ends of the canoe while carved bone ornaments are attached along the interior edges. Near the water line under the bow, the legendary Nguzunguzu head is attached. Overall it is a most inspiring sight!

The abiding impression left with the visitor is that the canoes of the South Pacific deserve the utmost of respect for their excellent form, their unexcelled beauty and their extraordinary diversity. The achievements of the islanders serve as a source of inspiration for even the casual viewer.

Throughout the expedition, there were peak incidents and episodes from which a great deal was learned. Such high points would not have been possible without the groundwork and guidance of Kanawa Museum representatives and friends. Unfortunately space in this abbreviated report

does not allow full revelation of all the people who assisted. Consequently only a few people and their contributions are mentioned as examples of the important role played by them. Most notable was the faithful, untiring effort put forward by Diane Goodwillie of the World Y.W.C.A. in the South Pacific. It was at her suggestion that visits were made to Raymond Burr's "Garden of the Sleeping Giant" near Nadi, Fiji. There Ilami Mali and Inahe Lutuciri the carver showed enthusiastic interest in constructing traditional Fijian canoes for Kanawa – especially the drua. This discovery, shortly after arrival in Fiji, provided a definite impetus to the overall purpose of the visit.

At the Thurston Gardens Museum in Suva, Fiji, Fergus Clunie and his colleagues were supportive especially in arranging access to the extraordinary Myreht's drawings. These gave to the writer some further insight into the diversity that exists in South Pacific watercraft. That variety comes as the result of differences in environment, including: purpose for which the canoe was used; availability of construction materials; nature of waterways i.e. ocean, inland waters, rivers etc.; tribal traditions; and builders' design innovations. In reference to the latter, the local people could readily identify the builder through just a cursory glance at the canoe. No doubt each builder in his turn took into account the best effort of his mentors and then added his own creative talent to excel what had gone before.

It may be useful here to describe the classification attempts made in Fiji even though no conclusive taxonomy resulted. Only two such groupings are recorded as examples; the first refers to the overall design while the second relates to purpose for which the canoe was used.

Group I

simple dugouts • dugouts with outriggers • dugouts with outriggers that can be sailed or paddled • double canoes for paddling • double canoes with sails • outrigger canoes with multiple sails • double canoes with multiple sails • canoes with more than one outrigger sailed or paddled • multiple canoes with one or more sails.

Group II

river canoes • inside reef canoes • voyaging canoes • war canoes • fishing canoes • racing canoes • ceremonial canoes.

To return to people and episodes, it is fitting to identify Geoff Bamford who provided residence in his home and who afforded considerable encouragement in the mission. His knowledge of the South Pacific was extensive and of great assistance to the mission. Stephanie Odegard and Emele Vulara, administrators of a unique Art and Craft Centre for the Fiji Government, made a most sympathetic effort to develop opportunities to pursue the purposes indicated earlier. Without their untiring efforts much less would have been accomplished in Fiji. The opportunity to experience the Pacific Ocean on a Takia with Aisahe would not have happened without their perseverance.

In the Solomon Islands, Salome Samou at the Honiara Museum made a number of contacts through which materials and information was gathered of considerable importance to the Kanawa Museum. In these islands there are many tribal traditions still quite intact, but relatively unrecorded. For the outside researcher, such material is of inestimable value especially in reference to the extraordinary achievements in the realm of dugout canoes.

David Simmons and Myra Alexander at the renowned Auckland War Memorial Museum in New Zealand gave important direction in contacting the Maori people and in locating relevant materials. Most notable were the D'Urville drawings which were of unusual assistance in the purposes of the Kanawa project. In Rotorua, of hot spring fame, the Morgan family who, as a bonus had considerable experience in the Solomon Islands, went far out of their way to assist by arranging helpful introductions and by offering generous hospitality when it was most appreciated. For the Maori, Tuti Tukaokao became an unlimited source of information. His long experience and his exceptional insights were clearly an inspiration. Each visit revealed yet another aspect of the Maori culture which made appreciation of their watercraft ever more exciting. His willingness to carve a canoe according to the rich tradition of the Maori people was of utmost importance to Kanawa. At the time of writing, the ceremony of tribute to the tree destined for such an achievement will have been conducted by the Maori people. This and all other rituals as well as the various stages of construction will be carefully recorded for archival purposes.

The journey homeward was enhanced by the kindness of the clergy serving at the Holy Family Rectory in Honolulu, Hawaii. It was fortunate indeed that the writer was afforded the privilege of making that location the home base. Discussions of the Hawaiian Islands in the informal chats that occurred in the mornings and evenings were helpful. During the explorations in the islands of Hawaii important contacts were made. The first was Tom Holmes, founder of the Hoke lau expedition from Hawaii to Tahiti. His knowledge of Hawaiian canoes and of Pacific navigation was of significance for Kanawa.

It was in this encounter that credence was given to the notion that the deliberate navigation achievements of the Polynesians was far greater than most writers have acknowledged. Is it possible that they sailed as far as the Americas and transplanted some of their achievements in that part of the world?

Another fortunate contact was made with Espanaia W. Christy, Master Carver of Polynesia (Hawaiian village installation) who agreed with the support of his helpers to produce a fine quality model dugout and then a full sized canoe for the museum. The prospect of the canoe coming to Canada appeared to be of unusual significance to Espanaia and his enthusiasm blossomed accordingly.



*Photo Courtesy: Wipper,
Kanawa Museum and University of Toronto*

Overall it was impressive to note the widespread interest in canoe heritage. To experience first hand the magnetism of simple craft in remote reaches of the South Pacific does reinforce and confirm the validity of the Kanawa project. To be steeped in the areas where such fine craft were constructed and used has a unique appeal. It has also introduced a challenge that will require many years of continuing investigation.

There were fringe benefits to the voyage. To study canoes without making significant reference to the people who created them would be folly. It was instructive to be in the midst of the South Pacific people and to begin to grasp the depth of their cultures. As noted earlier it is essential to understand and appreciate the profound sense of harmony that the Micronesians, Melanesians and Polynesians feel with their natural surroundings. This developed over the centuries largely as the result of their dependence on the bounty of food that was available from the land and sea. Further it is important to be aware of the reverence held for those who lived before and who were able to penetrate to the unknown to establish new settlements. The art work which appears on the canoes and other artefacts attests to the hands which persist between the living, their forefathers and the world of nature on which they depend. It appears that as the roster of ancestors increased in numbers and in adventurous exploits so did the ritual, art and music that paid respect to them. To explore these and other aspects of South Pacific Island cultures is to begin to contact the essence of what are some of the most remarkable watercraft on this planet. No region of the world has produced finer craft than the people of the South Pacific.

For the writer, an expedition of such positive result could not have been realized without the dedication and commitment of many people. Accordingly their contribution will always be recalled with special gratitude!

In summary, the current status, depending on subsequent funding, for acquisitions for the Kanawa Museum is as follows:

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GROUP DYNAMICS EXERCISE

This exercise is another "groupthink" whereby you are trying to achieve consensus among the members of the group. Remember that consensus is defined as "a general feeling of agreement" and the essence of achieving consensus is "talking out" the conflict.

A few years ago, a sociological survey in the United States rank ordered 15 varying occupations for the perceived quality of "PRESTIGE" by the general public. Give each group member this list:

AUTHOR OF NOVELS
NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST
POLICEMAN
BANKER
SUPREME COURT JUDGE
LAWYER
UNDERTAKER
PROVINCIAL PREMIER
SOCIOLOGIST
SCIENTIST
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER
DENTIST
PSYCHOLOGIST
COLLEGE PROFESSOR
PHYSICIAN

The task of each group member is to rank order these occupations from number 1 to number 15 in terms of the most "prestigious" occupation to the least "prestigious" occupation. Once each individual has completed the task, hand out a new sheet of the occupations listed so that the group can work together and this sheet will be the "group sheet". Perhaps the group's first hurdle is to define the word "prestige" - is it related to power, respect or money? Once their definition (or Oxford's) is clear, it will be easier to work from the same frame of reference.

The rationale and psychology of "groupthink" is the same as that outlined in the

Winter '82 edition of Canadian Camping. Please refer to it for some of the theoretical principles as well as guidelines for group size etc.

This exercise has been changed slightly as we have inserted "Provincial Premier" in place of "State Governor" from the original U.S. version.

The answers, please remember, are not half as important as reflecting on what procedure(s) the group used to achieve task completion. How did people interact? Were there arguments? Why? Did it result in better group function with good, convincing efforts to debate? Was anyone ignored, not brought into the group consensus conversation, or overpowered? Why? Did all groups finish in approximately 30-60 minutes? If not, why? These are the issues which make groupthink exercises fun - the human dynamics are always changing and therefore are always a challenge to a leader. Every group is different!

And now the answers, which reflect the U.S. attitude of the attribute "prestige" on the 15 occupations. Have Fun . . .

SUPREME COURT JUDGE
PROVINCIAL PREMIER
PHYSICIAN
SCIENTIST
COLLEGE PROFESSOR
LAWYER
DENTIST
PSYCHOLOGIST
BANKER
SOCIOLOGIST
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER
AUTHOR OF NOVELS
UNDERTAKER
NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST
POLICEMAN ●



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South Pacific Report continued:

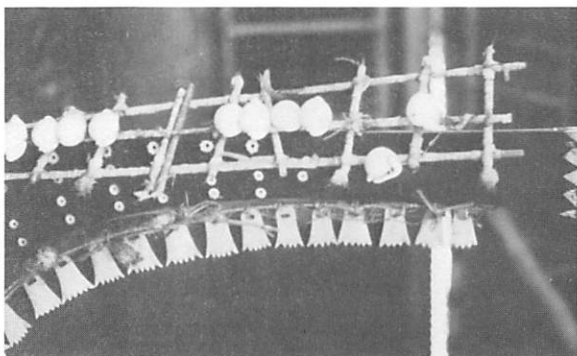


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Now on hand in Canada:

1. Ceremonial Maori paddle
2. Model drua - Fiji
3. Carved Fijian head - vesi wood
4. Model outrigger from Niue
5. Maori war canoe model - Rotorura, N.Z.
6. Malaita model canoe - Solomon Islands
7. Painting of Thomakau by Fred Whippy - Fiji

8. Nuzu-nuzu head - Solomon Islands
9. Maori woollen canoe blanket
10. Shell money - Solomon Islands
11. Tepuke canoe model - Solomon Islands
12. Hand carved paddle - Fiji
13. Three Masi mats - Fiji
14. Several additions to Kanawa Museum library.

Planned for acquisition and now in various stages of negotiation:

1. Fijian drua
2. Fijian takia
3. Nauru canoe model
4. Western Solomon war canoe
5. Gela plank canoe - Solomon Islands
6. Solomon Tikopia
7. Ysabel canoe
8. Maori war canoe
9. Hawaiian paddling outrigger
10. Solomon ceremonial canoe
11. Three paddles: one traditional Maori; one Papua New Guinea; one Solomon Islands

12. A set of two Solomon Islands paddles for ceremonial canoe
13. One Solomon Islands bonito fishing stick used in conjunction with canoe

Under consideration at the time of writing:

1. Fijian Thomakau
2. Fijian bavello
3. Maori canoe mask
4. Papua New Guinea mask
5. Vaka outrigger sailing canoe from Cook Islands (sewn plank)

It will be appreciated that in six weeks in a region as vast and varied as the South Pacific one can really only do a cursory survey of the canoes. Certainly we brought back valuable and representative artefacts, but these and the work I was able to do must be supplemented and enriched by years of solid research. And if any of my readers can suggest research sources or isolate for us new artefacts we would be most grateful for their interest. ●

B.C. Holds 1st Annual Leadership Development Camp

by: Dave Adair

After months of planning and preparation by members of the B.C. Camping Association and the Association of Neighbourhood Houses, (Camping Unit) the first annual B.C. Leadership Camp was held April 3 to 7th. Over the course of the 5 days 35 youths - 16 to 18 years old were involved in our intensive counsellor training program that started each morning at 8:00 and went to 11:00 each night. The counsellors came from all over B.C.: including the lower mainland, the Queen Charlottes, Kamloops, Williams Lake, Vernon, Kelowna and so on. Between them they represented 25 or more different camps. Now at the end of an exhausting but exhilarating 5 days the strongest single impression is, what a tremendously talented, creative, mature and committed group of young people we will have working in our camps this summer.

The program itself was very intensive with nine different resource people coming into the camp for particular topics; in addition to programs led by the eight full time camp staff. Each day started at 8:00 with Katimavak a wake-up session of camp songs, stunts, games and a cup of hot chocolate. Most of the morning sessions were conceptual ones dealing with such topics as: Leadership and Group Dynamics, Principles of Program Planning, The role of the Leader and so on. Leaders from these sessions included Ken Low (Calgary Action Studies Group), John Hasell (Director, B.C. Dept. of Recreation), Doug Soo (Boys and Girls Clubs of Vancouver) and Dave Kabool (Vancouver Neurological Society).



Photo Courtesy: Dave Adair



Photo Courtesy: Dave Adair

For afternoon sessions we scheduled program carousels to allow participants to take part in two or more skill development activities. Topics covered included: Trials walking with Ken Lowe, Rock Climbing, and introduction to ropes course elements, canoeing, Camp crafts, Co-operative Games, Acclimatization, Compass course, initiative games and tasks, first aid and so on. Evening programs included both theory and program sessions on such things as: camp fire programs, rainy day programs etc. The final item in each day's schedule was a group meeting for each of the four groups of counsellors with their group leader. Each day ended therefore with an opportunity for participants to discuss and reflect on the day's activities in a small group setting. It also provided senior staff with direct feedback at the end of each day which allowed us to make changes as we went along.

Inevitably the outline of a program tells little about the flavor and spirit of a camp session and this of course is what makes camping special. It is certainly what made this first B.C. Leadership camp a rather extraordinary experience for all of us. We started the camp on a cold rainy afternoon and completed a full afternoon of programs with enthusiasm still high. By supper time it was snowing so

one group came into the dining hall dressed in Christmas outfits singing Christmas carols. This set the tone and at every meal to the end of the week there were skits, stunts, songs/theme meals and so on. By Sunday night we had 5 inches of snow on the ground so naturally dinner was a Hawaiian theme. If one mark of a good camp is that it is a "singing camp" then this was a very good camp indeed.

We had not scheduled in a specific program on sing songs and as it turned out it just wasn't needed with this group. From day one to day five people were singing. On the last day several of the counsellors got together and wrote out the words for a number of songs that people wanted the words for and these will be duplicated and sent out to all participants.

At our final all camp meeting on the last night in camp the participants decided that they wanted to change their final morning program to allow time to make some things to leave behind to commemorate their experience. The next day they divided into three groups; one to make a new, and much needed, camp sign, another to start a tree fort and a third to complete a dam under a section of our ropes course. Danny Stewart, a Haida from the Queen Charlottes, carved a small dugout canoe and presented it to the camp at the closing awards ceremony. This canoe will now become the symbol of our annual leadership camp and as it moves from camp to camp each year new camp names will be carved on it.

All of us who took part in this camp, came away richer. A tradition has been started and the camping movement in B.C. has taken a major step forward.

Thanks are due to a number of people that made this camp possible. Funding was provided by the Chris Spencer Foundation, the Vancouver Foundation, Fitness Canada and both the B.C. and Canadian Camping Associations. A number of B.C. Camps provided resource people on a voluntary basis. The camp was organized and staffed by the Camping and Outdoor Unit of the Association of Neighbourhood Houses of Vancouver.



Photo Courtesy: Dave Adair

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Menu Feature

WALKING SALAD

- 12 Apples
- 2 cups cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup nuts
- 2 Tbsp. mayonnaise

1. Cut the tops off the apples and core them, leaving the bottom skin over the hole.
2. Scoop out the pulp of apples and chop with cheese, raisins and nuts.
3. Mix with mayonnaise.
4. Stuff the mixture into the apple shells and put the tops on.

This salad is called Walking Salad because it can be eaten while hiking.

Courtesy: New Brunswick Council Girl Guides of Canada/Guides du Canada.

COMING IN FALL ISSUE The Camping Advisor

We have had a number of requests for information concerning staff, management, leadership, sexuality, program, campers, maintenance, purchasing, legal liability and others.

We will begin a new column in the fall issue: The Camping Advisor. Send your questions to us and we will endeavour to answer them. Contact:

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CCA/ACC NATIONAL STATISTICS

	1980	1981
CAMP DATA		
Accredited Member Camps	590	533
Non-Accredited Member Camps		44
Day Camps	126	125
Resident Camps	453	468
Extended Season Camps	N/A	7
Camper Beds (Capacity)	64,276	74,762
Camper/Days	3,962,848	4,046,388

STAFF DATA		
Volunteer Staff	18,405	12,247
Paid Staff	19,282	20,539
Staff/Days	1,125,676	1,151,255
Staff - Students	18,787	16,784

FINANCIAL DATA		
\$ Food Costs	11,454,000	12,607,000
\$ Salaries	17,279,000	19,448,000

OUTSIDE CANADA		
Foreign Campers	9,790	9,130
Foreign Camper/Days	1,503,268	185,609
Foreign Counsellors	1,076	1,268
Foreign Counsellor Salaries (\$)	558,000	524,331
Foreign Camper Fees (\$)	3,125,000	3,500,940

- The 1980 data was based on a response from eight provincial associations; the 1981 figures represent provincial totals for six associations.
- Camp data indicates that some resident camps are also listed as "extended season" camps.
- The large increase in camper/days and staff/days is probably due to the longer summer vacation period (10 weeks) for students.
- Since we do not have an average age for camp staff in each province, it is difficult to conclude why the number of staff who were returning to full-time studies dropped in 1981. Perhaps camps are attracting more graduates as staff.

Compiled by:
Marjorie Booth
March, 1982

Announcing: NATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

The CCA/ACC would like to feature as well as reinforce many of our campers and staff who take some excellent pictures throughout the summer – yet we never have had a chance to see them.

We want to change that; so we invite you as Camp Directors and Staff to communicate the following to your **campers & staff**:

CANADIAN CAMPING will feature a Photograph of Outstanding Quality in each issue. Campers and staff are invited to submit photographs of people, nature, program, tripping or other subjects related to your camp experience.

Whether you use an instamatic or single lens reflex with many attachments, it is not important! The four campers and/or staff whose photographs are featured in CANADIAN CAMPING will receive a hard cover book on Canadian Photography. So enter as many photographs as you like!

Entry Details:

- All photographs submitted become the property of the Canadian Camping Association but they will not be used outside of CANADIAN CAMPING without your permission.
- Photographs in Black and White and Colour are invited, however reproduction in CANADIAN CAMPING will be in Black & White.
- Label each photograph on the back with the following printed information: Photographer's Name, Camp Affiliation, Camper or Staff Entry, any other information about photograph.
- Submission Deadline for Fall Issue of CANADIAN CAMPING is Sept. 15, 1982. Photographs received at the CCA/ACC National Office by that time will be considered. Campers and Staff may still submit photos after this date for our Winter, Spring and Summer issues.
- Photographs should be mailed to: Canadian Camping Photo Contest, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ontario M5M 3Z1.

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ Camper ☐ Staff ☐

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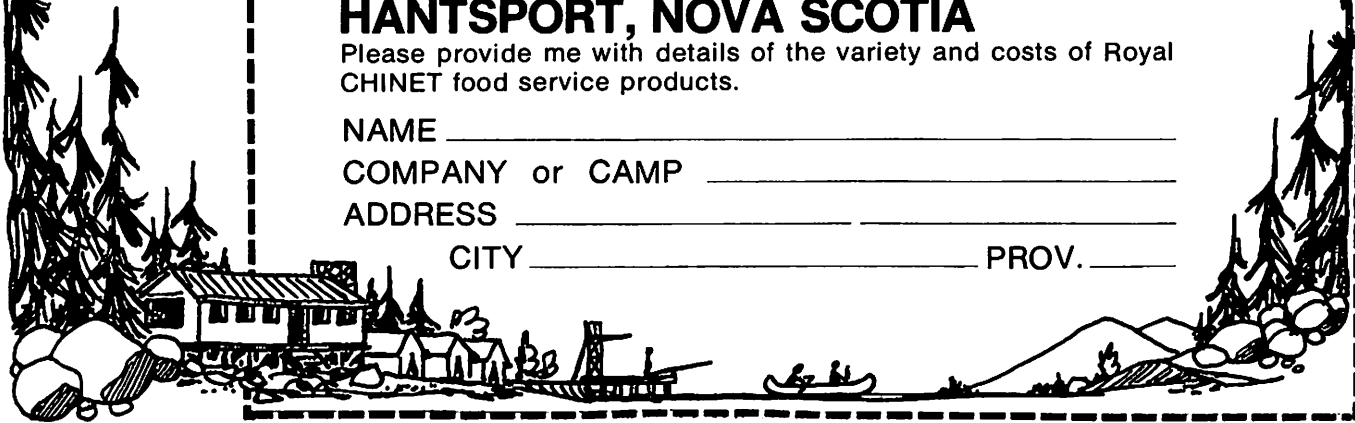
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An Important Message to All Members



In January 1983, the Canadian Camping Association, in co-operation with the Ontario Camping Association, will sponsor the First International Camping Congress. This will be held at Toronto's Sheraton Centre.

This will be a significant event, for it will be the first time that Camp Directors and Youth Leaders from around the World will be invited to gather together to share their knowledge and experience in organized camping. We will have the opportunity to meet and hear speakers of International renown. As well, we hope that delegates from all across Canada and the United States will be meeting with representatives from many European and Asian Countries as well as Africa, Australia, South America and Japan.

Although we expect a record registration, additional funds will be required to cover the tremendous costs of bringing well known resource speakers to Toronto. In addition to this, many delegates might need some financial assistance to make the journey to Canada, as their agencies or sponsors operate on minimal budgets.

We have therefore launched a fund-raising drive to cover these additional costs. We hope to receive substantial donations from several large foundations, as well as Industry and Government.

However, in good faith, we are also hoping to raise a significant sum from within our own membership. We are asking for your support, not only as a delegate, but also in the form of a small financial contribution. If every member made a donation, we would be able to assist many delegates from outside of North America to attend our Congress - thereby enhancing the quality and prestige of this unique meeting. Truly, this could become a Congress of International value.

Every member who makes a donation . . . whether it be \$5.00, \$20.00 or even \$100.00 will be acknowledged in our printed programme material. It is hoped that we may proudly exhibit a very long list of donors!

Will you help? This can be done by detaching the form below, completing it, and sending it to us along with your cheque.

Al Goodman, Chairman, Fund-Raising Committee

Donor's Name and Address _____

Camp Represented _____ Provincial Association _____

Name you wish to be acknowledged _____

Please make cheques payable to International Camping Congress, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, M5M 3Z1.

Persons who wish a receipt for tax purposes must make the cheque payable to the Canadian Camping Association.